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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

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1. USUN PASSED SUBSTANCE REFTEL E TO WESTERN FIVE AMBASSADOR
MORNING APRIL 12 AND THE FIVE MET AT THE COUNSELLOR
LEVEL AT THE CANADIAN MISSION AT 3 PM TO DISCUSS THE POINTS
RAISED IN IT.

2. REGARDING JOINT ANALYSIS OF SOUTH AFRICAN RESPONSE, FIVE
AGREED THAT THIS COULD BE MORE USEFULLY DONE BY EMBASSIES IN
CAPETOWN BUT THAT ALL REGARDED PM VORSTER'S RESPONSE
TO BE POSITIVE AND A SOLID LEAD-IN TO JOINT DISCUSSIONS.
CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 3(A) THAT NY CONTACT
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GROUP PREPARE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING A RESPONSE TO
THE SAG, OTHER FOUR BELIEVED THAT THIS WAS THE MANDATE
OF THE APRIL 18 EXPERTS MEETING. THEY AGREED, HOWEVER,
THAT MAIN HEADINGS SUGGESTED MIGHT OFFER USEFUL STRUCTURE
FOR EXPERTS' POSITION PAPER, AND NOTED THAT SEVERAL CAPI-
TALS WERE ALREADY PREPARING PAPERS ALONG THE LINES OF
PARAS 6 AND 7 OF REFTEL E.

3. REGARDING PARA 4 OF REFTTEL E, OTHER FOUR BELIEVED STRONGLY THAT NEW YORK SHOULD NOT BE THE VENUE FOR THE INITIAL JOINT TALKS FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND TIME-CONSUMING TO SET UP NY MEETINGS WITH THE SAG; WHOEVER CAME FROM SOUTH AFRICA (THERE IS NOW ONLY CHARGE IN NY) WOULD NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DECISIONS AND WOULD ONLY BE IN POSITION TO RECEIVE WESTERN COMMENTS AND PLANS; THE TALKS WON'T GET INTO REAL SUBSTANCE UNTIL THEY ARE HELD IN SOUTH AFRICA; AND EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS IN NEW YORK LEADS TO AUTOMATIC NEGATIVE REACTION FROM SAG.

4. CONCERNING THE POINT OF MAINTAINING LIAISON WITH SYG WALDHEIM, KEY AFRICAN AND FRONT LINE GOVERNMENTS, FIVE AGREED THAT SYG WALDHEIM SHOULD BE BRIEFED FULLY THIS WEEK ON THE DEMARCHE BY FRENCH AMB LEPRETTE (SYG LEFT PARIS EARLIER THAN EXPECTED LAST WEEK AND HAS BEEN TRAVELING SINCE), BUT NOT YET CONSULTED FOR ADVICE (AS THIS MIGHT PUT HIM IN AWKWARD POSITION). ALSO, FIVE THOUGHT THAT IT IS NOW PREMATURE TO INITIATE LIAISON WITH AFRICAN STATES BEYOND INFORMING THEM IN GENERAL TERMS OF WESTERN GOALS; BUT THIS WILL BE NECESSARY AND HELPFUL STEP AT A LATER STAGE.

5. IN GENERAL, FIVE AGREED THAT SUBSTANTIVE TALKS SHOULD BE ENTERED INTO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH THE SAG. ALSO, KNOWING THAT PM VORSTER IS WAITING TO HEAR FROM WESTERN FIVE ON TIME AND PLACE, FIVE AGREED TO SEND TO THEIR CAPITALS THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTION: "RECOMMEND WESTERN FIVE GOVERNMENTS SEND INSTRUCTIONS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
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TO THEIR AMBASSADORS IN CAPE TOWN TO COORDINATE AND INFORM FONMIN BOTHA THAT WE ENVISAGE THE FIRST JOINT DISCUSSIONS TO BEGIN IN CAPE TOWN DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 25."

6. FOR THOSE WHO WONDER ABOUT THE VALUE OF THE LONG HOURS OF ALLIED COORDINATION AND DEBATE, FRG MISSION COUNSELLOR VERGAU SPOKE IN WARM COMPLIMENT ABOUT THE PROCESS WE HAVE LAUNCHED. IN A REFLECTIVE TONE HE COMMENTED AS WE LEFT THE CANADIAN MISSION TODAY THAT THIS COMPLEX EXERCISE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA IS REALLY A U.S. INITIATIVE, AND EVERYONE KNOWS IT AND ADMIRES IT. COMPLEX AS IT IS, IT STRIKES TO THE HEART OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND OFFERS REAL HOPE OF MOVEMENT, OF CHANGE IN THE BASIC PROBLEMS. IT IS THE BEST THING HE HAS EVER BEEN INVOLVED IN PROFESSIONALLY. EVEN IF IT NEVER ACHIEVES ANY MORE SUCCESS THAN IT ALREADY HAS, THIS U.S. INITIATIVE HAS PROVIDED THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES A NEW, MORE VIABLE POSTURE FROM WHICH TO DEAL WITH AFRICA AND THE THIRD WORLD. SHERER

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